

Summary of U.S.-Chile FTA SPS Chapter

Chile and the US agreed that enhanced implementation of the SPS agreement was the shared objective and that additional SPS rights and obligations over the WTO SPS Agreement were not necessary.

Chile and the US agreed in the FTA text to establish an SPS Committee, consisting of trade and regulatory officials, to serve as forum for SPS issues. The Committee will address three primary issues. First, the Committee will serve as a forum to address specific SPS issues affecting trade between the parties; second, the Committee will serve as a means to consult on SPS issues in international SPS-related organizations (e.g., WTO SPS Committee, Codex, IPPC, OIE, and others); the Committee will provide a forum for the coordination of technical cooperation programs.